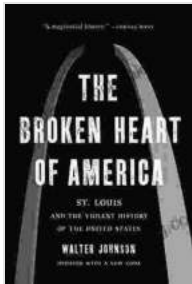# St. Louis and the Violent History of the United States

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St. Louis, Missouri, is a city with a long and violent history. From its early days as a frontier town to its present-day struggles with crime and poverty, St. Louis has been a city where violence has often been the norm.

The city's violent history began in the early 1800s, when it was a major stop on the westward expansion of the United States. St. Louis was a rough-and-tumble town, full of saloons, gambling halls, and brothels. Violence was a common occurrence, and it was not uncommon for people to be killed in duels or bar fights.

The city's violence continued into the 20th century. In the 1920s and 1930s, St. Louis was a major center for organized crime. The city's gangs were

involved in bootlegging, gambling, and prostitution, and they often resorted to violence to protect their turf.

In the 1960s and 1970s, St. Louis was hit hard by the civil rights movement. The city's black population was subjected to discrimination and violence, and there were several major race riots. The riots left a lasting legacy of mistrust and division in the city.

Today, St. Louis is still struggling with violence. The city has one of the highest murder rates in the United States, and it is also plagued by poverty and crime. The city's violence has had a devastating impact on its residents, and it has made it difficult for the city to attract new businesses and residents.

The violence in St. Louis is a complex issue with no easy solutions. The city's history of violence, poverty, and discrimination has all contributed to the problem. However, there are some things that can be done to reduce violence in St. Louis. Investing in education and job training programs can help to create opportunities for people who might otherwise turn to crime. Improving the city's police force and working to build trust between the police and the community can also help to reduce violence.

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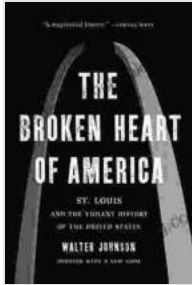police and the community can all help to make St. Louis a safer place to live.

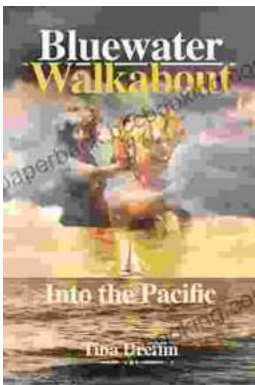**Image Gallery**

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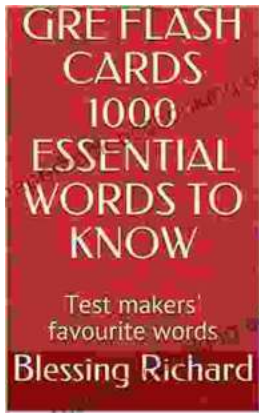### The Broken Heart of America: St. Louis and the Violent History of the United States by Walter Johnson

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